



# War Veterans Village [Narrabeen] RSL Sub-Branch

Through an active membership we keep the ANZAC spirit alive and growing

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**“The Butterfly counts not months but moments  
and has time enough”**

### The President's Message

2014 was a very successful year for our Sub-Branch and 2015 shapes up to be bigger and brighter than last year.

A big thank you to the Angels for their ongoing support this past year and a special thank you to the Angels for planning and organizing our Christmas party. A great time was had by all. The driving force behind the success of the Sub-Branch is Doug Smyth our Secretary-Treasurer. Without Doug's hard work and continuous improvements to the operation of the Sub-Branch we would not be enjoying such success. As many Sub-Branches are closing we are growing. This year we should exceed 150 members.

**THANKS DOUG**

The Committee, Angels and Volunteers met on the 14 January 2015 to plan the year ahead. The meeting decided that through active membership we will keep the ANZAC spirit alive and growing. Our motto will be: **“Forward Together”**



### Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon

Tuesday 17 March.

To be held at the Waterview Restaurant at Berowra Waters. Bus leaves at 9.45am from Colooli Road in front of the Gallipoli Building. Bookings essential, get in early to avoid disappointment.

**Services Bowls Day** Tuesday 17 February. All Sub-Branch members are cordially invited to attend either as bowlers or supporters. Register with Joy Quin at the Sub-Branch office.

**Annual General Meeting** Thursday 12 March.

President  
George Main

### Chaplain's Corner

Another year and we might wonder what it will bring for us. Some might be thankful for the year past. Some might be thankful that the year has passed. Whichever description applies to you, the New Year at least provides an opportunity to reflect. The ministry here at The War Vets provides a myriad of opportunities and as I personally reflect on last year I give thanks that this is where I have spent the majority of my time. People often ask how I can live and work in such an environment but they do so without any understanding of all the great things which happen here.

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Last year, as one would expect, I performed many funerals. These are, in the main, a fantastic time to celebrate with family and friends the life of a loved one. As I reflect upon these occasions I am saddened because all too often I hear great stories of wonderful people whom I have not had the opportunity to really get to know. These were then offset by the baptismal services I was privileged to conduct. Balance all this with the weddings of two lovely couples and my year was fantastic.

It was made even more fantastic through the other activities within our village with which I have been involved. Through the various services, studies, 'happy hours', concerts and so many other activities I have been able to get to know many of our fellow residents and their families & friends. I have been able to get to know many more of the great staff who come each day to serve us in so many different ways.

Yes, 2014 was a great year! What 2015 will offer is yet to be seen but if I use last year as a reference point it is bound to be even better. My aim this year is to be positive in all I do - to try to have a positive influence in the activities in which I am involved but most of all, to enjoy life with my family, friends and all those with whom I share this incredible village.

As I write this I am enjoying the start of this year with family (children, grandchildren, a brother and niece - not forgetting our son-in-law!) and friends, all of whom Lesley and I have not seen for some time. It has been too long since we have visited and we will endeavour to not let it go so long before we do so again. Sharing our lives with those we love is important and something we should never take for granted.

My prayer for you is that you might also be able to do the same in being positive, caring and sharing in all you do.

Blessings for a fantastic 2015!

Bob Durbin

Chaplain. **Membership**

Our strength at the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Life Member of our sub-Branch	= 2
Life Subscribers of our sub-Branch	=15
Service Members of our sub-Branch	=58
Associate Members (belonging to other sub-Branches) in our sub-Branch	=47
Affiliate Members	=20
Total	=142

### Sub-Branch Location

The Sub-Branch Office is located on the ground floor of the Gallipoli Building. The ground floor is the entry to the Retirement Living Reception & Dugout. Just turn left after you enter.